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HIEROGLYPHICALLY. *adv.* [from hieroglyphical.] Emblematically.

Others have spoken emblematically and hieroglyphically as the Egyptians; and the phoenix was the hieroglyphick of the sun.

HIEROGRAPHY. *n. f.* [ἱερός and γραφή.] Holy writing.
HIEROPHANT. *n. f.* [ἱερόφάνης.] One who teaches rules of religion; a priest.

Herein the wantonness of poets, and the crafts of their heathenish priests and hierophants, abundantly gratified the fancies of the people.
HIGGLE. *v. n.* [of uncertain etymology; probably corrupted from *haggle*.]

1. To chaffer; to be penurious in a bargain.
In good offices and due retributions we may not be pinching and niggardly: it argues an ignoble mind, where we have wronged, to *biggle* and dodge in the amends.

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High time now 'gan it wax for Una fair,
To think of those her captive parents dear. *Fairy Queen.*

High time it is this war now ended were.
Sweet warrior, when shall I have peace with you? *Spenser.*

It was high time to do so; for it was now certain, that forces were already upon their march towards the West. *Clarendon.*

14. Strong tasted; gufful.
Solomon liv'd at ease, and full
Of honour, wealth, *high* fare, aim'd not beyond
Higher design than to enjoy his state. *Milk. Parad. Lost.*

15. Advancing in latitude from the line.
They are forced to take their course either *high* to the North, or low to the South. *Abbot's Description of the World.*

16. At the most perfect state; in the meridian: as, by the sun it is *high* noon.
It is yet *high* day, neither is it time that the cattle should be gathered. *Gen. xxix. 7.*

17. Far advanced into antiquity.
The nominal observation of the several days of the week, is very *high*, and as old as the ancient Egyptians, who named the same according to the seven planets. *Brown's Vulgar Err.*

18. Dear; exorbitant in price.
If they must be good at so *high* a rate, they know they may be safe at a cheaper. *South's Sermons.*

19. Capital; great; opposed to little: as, *high* treason, in opposition to petty.
HIGH. *n. f.* High place; elevation; superiour region.
Which when the king of gods beheld from *high*,
He sigh'd. *Dryden.*

On *High*. Aloft; above; into superiour regions.
Wide is the fronting gate, and rais'd on *high*,
With adamantine columns threatens the sky. *L. ryden's En.*

HIGH-BLEST. *adj.* Supremely happy.
The good which we enjoy from heav'n descends;
But that from us ought should ascend to heav'n
So prevalent, as to concern the mind
Of God *high-blest*, or to incline his will,
Hard to belief may seem. *Milton's Paradise Lost, b. xi.*

HIGH-BLOWN. Swelled much with wind; much inflated.
I have ventur'd,
Like little wanton boys that swim on bladders,
These many Summers on a sea of glory;
But far beyond my depth: my *high-blown* pride
At length broke under me, and now has left me,
Weary, and old with service, to the mercy
Of a rude stream, that must for ever hide me. *Sh. H. VIII.*

HIGH-BORN. Of noble extraction.
Cast round your eyes
Upon the *high-born* beauties of the court;
There chuse some worthy partner of your heart. *Rom.*

HIGH-BUILT. *adj.*
1. Of lofty structure.
I know him by his stride,
The giant Harapha of Gath; his look
Haughty as is his pile, *high-built* and proud. *Milt. Agonist.*

2. Covered with lofty buildings.
In dreadful wars
The *high-built* elephant his castle rears,
Looks down on man below, and strikes the stars. *Cricht.*

HIGH-COLOURED. Having a deep or glaring colour.
If a fever happens in a rancid oily state of blood, it produces a scorbutick fever, with *high-coloured* urine, and spots in the skin. *Floyer on the Humours.*

HIGH-DESIGNING. Having great schemes.
His warlike mind, his soul devoid of fear,
His *high-designing* thoughts were figur'd there. *Dryden.*

HIGH-FE'D. Pampered.
A favourite mule, *high-fed*, and in the pride of flesh and metal, would still be bragging of his family. *L'Estrange.*

HIGH-FLAMING. Throwing the flame to a great height.
Hecatombs of bulls to Neptune slain,
High-flaming, please the monarch of the main. *Pope.*

HIGH-FLIER. *n. f.* One that carries his opinions to extravagance.
She openly professeth herself to be a *high-flier*; and it is not improbable the may also be a papist at heart. *Swift.*

HIGH-FLOWN. *adj.* [from *high* and *flown*, from *fly*.]
1. Elevated; proud.
This stiff-neck'd pride nor art nor force can bend,
Nor *high-flown* hopes to reason's lure descend. *Denham.*

2. Turgid; extravagant.
This fable is a *high-flown* hyperbole upon the miseries of marriage. *L'Estrange.*

HIGH-FLYING. Extravagant in claims or opinions.
Clip the wings
Of their *high-flying* arbitrary kings. *Dryd. Virgil.*

HIGH-HE'APED. *adj.*
1. Covered with high piles. *The*

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tense with a passive signification: *paran*, to call, Saxon; *higst*, to be called, German.]

1. Was named; was called.
The city of the great king *hight* it well,
Wherein eternal peace and happiness doth dwell. *Fa. Queen.*

2. It is sometimes used as a participle passive, and signifies called; named. It is now obsolete, except in burlesque writings.
Amongst the rest a good old woman was,
Hight mother Hubbard. *Hubbard's Tale.*

HIGHWATER. *n. f.* [from *high* and *water*.] The utmost flow of the tide.
They have a good way in Essex of draining of lands that lie below the *highwater*, and that are something above the low-water mark. *Mortimer's Husbandry.*

HIGHWAY. *n. f.* [from *high* and *way*.] Great road; publick path.
So few there be
That chuse the narrow path, or seek the right:
All keep the broad *highway*, and take delight
With many rather for to go astray. *Fairy Queen, b. i.*

Two inscriptions give a great light to the histories of Appian, who made the *highway*, and of Fabius the dictator. *Addison.*

Ent'ring on a broad *highway*,
Where power and titles scatter'd lay,
He strove to pick up all he found. *Swift.*

I could mention more trades we have lost, and are in the *highway* to lose. *Chilid on Trade.*

HIGHWAYMAN. *n. f.* [from *highway* and *man*.] A robber that plunges on the publick roads.
'Tis like the friendship of pickpockets and *highwaymen*, that observe strict justice among themselves. *Bentley's Sermons.*

A remedy like that of giving my money to an *highwayman* before he attempts to take it by force, to prevent the sin of robbery. *Swift.*

HIGHLAPER. *n. f.* An herb. *Ainworth.*

HILARITY. *n. f.* [from *hilaritas*, Latin.] Merriment; gaiety.
Averroes restrained his *hilarity*, and made no more thereof than Seneca commendeth, and was allowable in Cato; that is, a sober inalefcence from wine. *Brown's Vulgar Errours.*

HILD, in *Elrick's* grammar, is interpreted a lord or lady: so *Hildebert* is a noble lord; *Mahild*, an heroic lady; and in the same sense is *Wiga* also found. *Gib. Camden.*

HILDLING. *n. f.* [from *hild*, Saxon, signifies a lord: perhaps *hilding* means originally a little lord in contempt, for a man that has only the delicacy or bad qualities of high rank; or a term of reproach abbreviated from *hinderling*, degenerate. *Hughes's Spens.*]

1. A forry, paltry, cowardly fellow.
He was some *hilding* fellow, that had stol'n
The horse he rode on. *Shakspere's Henry IV. p. i.*

If your lordship find him not a *hilding*, hold me no more in your respect. *Shaksp. All's well that ends well.*

You are curb'd from that enlargement by
The consequence o' th' crown, and must not foil
The precious note of it with a base slave,
A *hilding* for a livery, a squire's cloth. *Shak. Cymbeline.*

This idle toy, this *hilding* scorns my power,
And sets us all at naught. *Roué's Jane Shore.*

2. It is used likewise for a mean woman.
Laura, to his lady,